

Amendments to the Specification:

Before paragraph [0001], please insert

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention is directed to a method for transmitting additional information when using a method for compressing data with a prioritizing pixel transmission ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~ wherein the data comprise individual pixel groups, with each pixel group having a position value within an image array and at least one pixel value and wherein the minimal size of the image array is defined by the height h and the width b of an image, expressed in pixels.

Before paragraph [0003], please insert

2) Description of the Related Art

Before paragraph [0007], please insert

BRIEF SUMMARY OR THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] According to the invention, the object is solved ~~by the characterizing features of claim 1.~~ in that in the transmission of the additional information position values are used that do not occur in the actual data, but are located instead outside the range of the image array.

Before paragraph [0018], please insert

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION